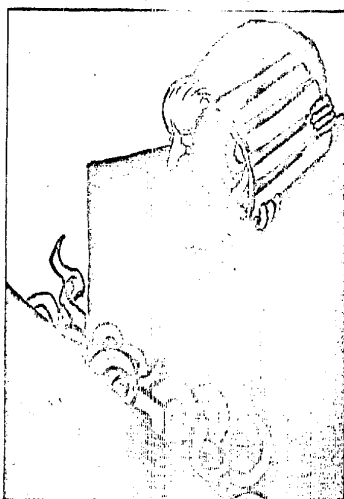


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Apologia:

THIS MONTH we are five years old, exactly. You will forgive a lack of sentimentality if we let it go at that.

Having said things past in very righteous anger concerning the United States system of mails, we are happy to put in one good word for Larry O'Brien and his pack of civil service rascals. After taking a record five weeks to get the February RAMPARTS to subscribers, the mail boys dispatched the April issue through rain, snow, sleet, etc., in no more than five days. We shall see about May.

For our part in attempting to win the get-the-damn-magazine-to-subscribers-before-it-comes-out-on-the-newsstands Merit Badge, we hope to make some Brownie points by establishing what the

Post Office people call an "additional mailing entry" at Pittsburgh, Penna., a nice enough town. What this means is that copies for all east coast subscribers will be rushed from our presses in Denver overnight to Pittsburgh where the franking process will commence and everything thenceforth should happen days earlier.

This will also ease the load on the little men who lick the postage stamps at our Denver mailing house, so all subscribers should get better service than that to which they have been accustomed, which has got to be good news.

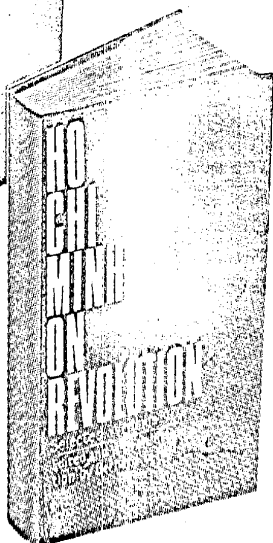
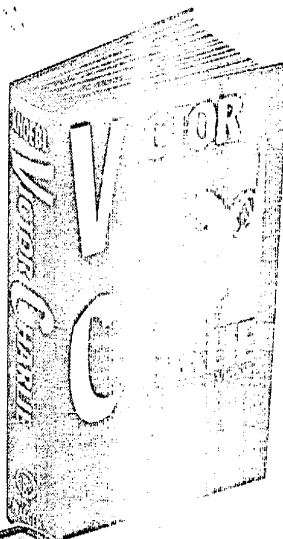
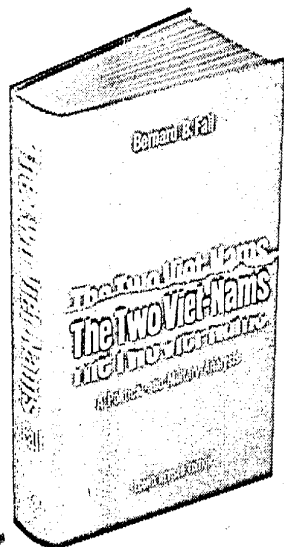
Everyone who remembers Penn Jones Jr., the tough editor of the weekly Midlothian (Texas) Mirror who unearthed the story about the mysterious deaths surrounding President Kennedy's assassination (November 1966), will be pleased to know about still another courageous small town weekly editor.

Staff writer Adam Hochschild's account of the oil shale scandal unearthed by J. R. Freeman of the Farmer and Miner in Frederick, Colorado (pop. 599), begins on page 6.

As it must apparently to all men, the rumor of secret CIA financing has come to rest on Ramparts. An exclu-type story in one of the Bill Buckley-blessed right wing journals reasons that Ramparts got CIA dough because a director of the magazine is connected with Robert Hutchins' Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions which several years back received a grant from a foundation that several years prior had received money from a foundation which some time before that had received money from another foundation which had taken CIA money. That is as accurate a report of the logic and rhetoric of the article as we are able to make out. We are, of course, investigating. W.H.

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Letters:

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SIRS:

Your recent "expose" articles on the CIA [RAMPARTS, April 1967] seem somewhat lacking in perspective. You treat the American intelligence effort as though it operated in an international vacuum. The KGB and GRU and their predecessors were carrying on both information and operational functions for a full 30 years before the U.S. put an intelligence organization in the field. The Chinese have demonstrated in Burundi, the Congo and Indonesia that they too are very much involved in this type of sub rosa warfare.

Your righteous horror over the fact that the CIA recruits foreign nationals to spy against their own countries reveals a complete ignorance of the realities of international espionage. You don't run a spy system like a day camp. Every intelligence agency in the world utilizes exactly the same techniques of bribing, blackmailing and bludgeoning an agent into service. When you demand that the U.S. cease recruiting foreign nationals for intelligence tasks in their own nation, you are in reality demanding the cessation of covert intelligence collection.

If you continue your, to date, rather myopic presentation of international intelligence activities, Mr. Semichastny (present KGB head) will doubtless put your name in nomination for a Stalin (oops . . . I mean Lenin) Peace Prize.

DOUGLAS WOLF
Oakland, California

SIRS:

I have just read your interesting commentary in the March RAMPARTS on the hippie scene and feel refreshed. Having been a self-styled exile from the Establishment during my college days at the University of Chicago in the '40s, but

now dwelling inside a Brooks Brothers suit, I salute those hippies who practice what we could only preach.

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SIRS:

Warren Hinckle's analysis of the hippies in your March issue was excellent. By "dropping out," they are also "signing up," and becoming accessories to the very Establishment they are trying to escape. The similarity between LSD and the "Soma" of Huxley's *Brave New World* is disarmingly apparent.

Emmett Grogan's statement, "Do your thing, be what you are, and nothing will ever bother you," would be merely comically naive if it were not so pathetic. Unfortunately for the Grogans of this world, LBJ is also "doing his thing" and the results may bother the Diggers just a bit.

M. JOHN POTTER, M.D.
Monterey Park, California

AH, WILDERNESS!

SIRS:

I must congratulate Gene Marine on "America the Raped" [RAMPARTS, April 1967]. His piece is thoughtful, courageous and right, and it goes far deeper than other articles I've read. May the second part of his treatment be as good!

A. B. GUTHRIE, JR.
Missoula, Montana

SIRS:

As a backpack snob, I'd like to criticize Gene Marine for his unenthusiastic approach to wilderness preservation. There *is* such a thing as quality in outdoor recreation, which he could find out, maybe, by leaving his car (perfect expression of the technological arrogance he decries) behind next time.

TOM LYON
Logan, Utah

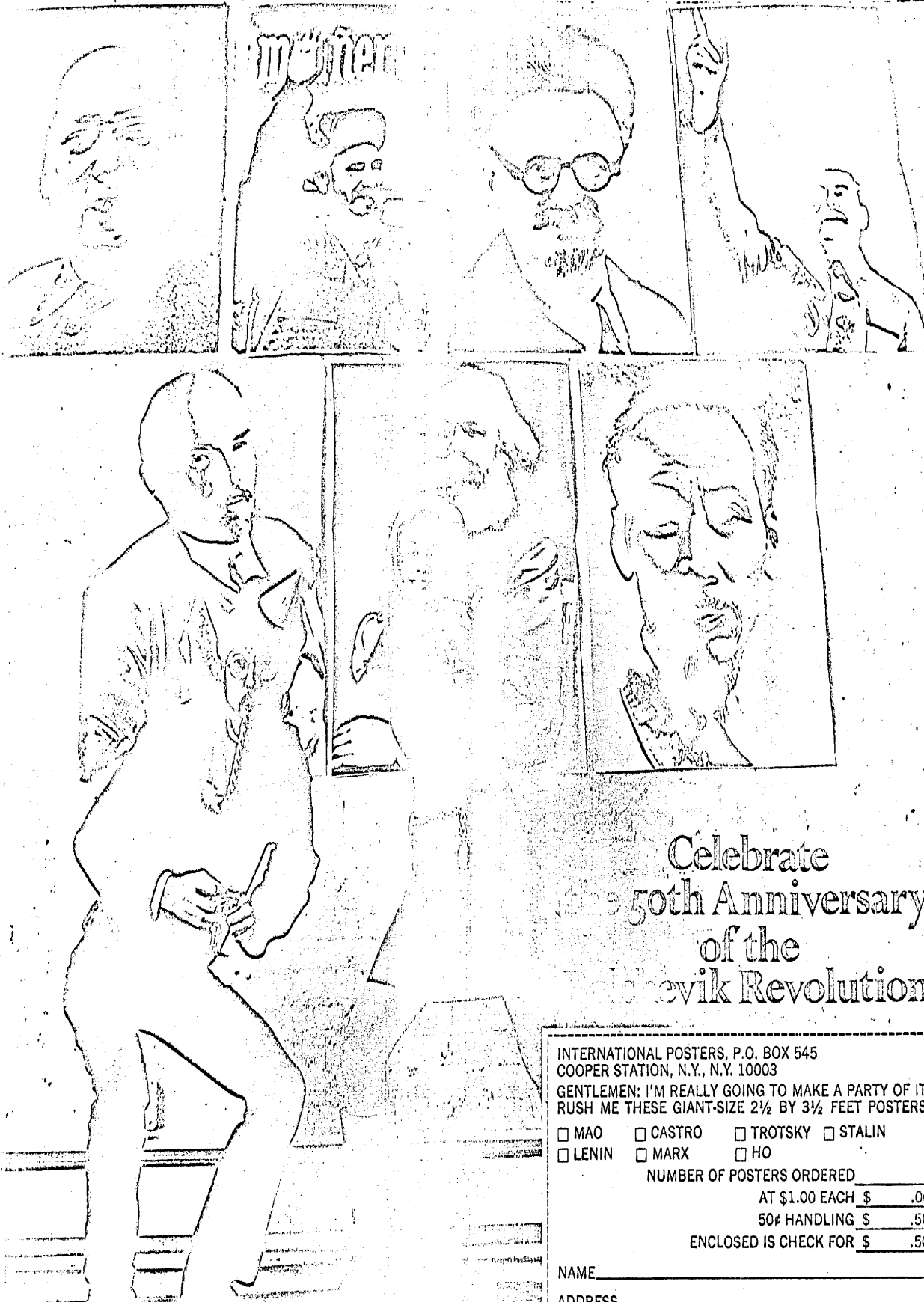
SIRS:

Every American should read your April conservation piece "America the Raped"—and then he should read it again to be sure he hasn't missed a word.

We have one footnote for you. The writer said "by the time you read this . . . unless some completely unexpected intervention has taken place" Canal 111 will already be pouring salt water into the Everglades. The unexpected took place. We filed a lawsuit and opening of the canal was postponed indefinitely; we only hope the canal will still be closed by the time your readers read this.

National Audubon has also been fighting for wetlands, for Tampa Bay, for Storm King, against DDT, for the Great Swamp, and so forth, on down the list of conservation causes Gene Marine has discussed so far. We welcome any of your readers who will join us.

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